

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 12-14, 17 and 18 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The primary reason for the allowance of claims 12-14, 17 and 18 is the inclusion of limitations for determining a variable that is a characteristic of a mass resting on a seating area of a seat that includes a step for forming the measure of the sequential content by adding amplitudes of predetermined sequences of the Walsh-transformed measurement signal.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MANUEL L. BARBEE whose telephone number is (571)272-2212. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 9-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Eliseo Ramos-Feliciano can be reached on 571-272-7925. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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